

Fact Sheet – Qualifications

Temporary Seasonal Fire Positions

Range/Forestry Aid or Technician - GG-0455/0462

◇ **Current Qualification Standards** – The following table shows the amounts of education and/or experience required to qualify for temporary seasonal positions. To qualify at each grade level, either the general and specialized experience **OR** the educational requirements must be met. General experience is any type of work that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position; this does not have to be in a fire position.

Grade	EXPERIENCE		OR	EDUCATION	Selective Factor
	General and Specialized				Selective factors are in addition to the basic experience and/or education requirements
GG-2	3 months	None		High school graduation or equivalent	None
GG-3	6 months	None		1 year above high school with 6 semester hours of related course(s)*	None
GG-4	6 months	6 months equivalent to at least the GG-3 level		2 years above high school with 12 semester hours of related courses*	1 season (90 days) of prior on-the-line wildland firefighting experience
GG-5	None	1 year equivalent to at least a GG-4 level		4-year course of study above high school leading to a bachelor's degree with 24 semester hours of related courses**	FFT1 Qualified OR 2 seasons (180 days) of prior on-the-line wildland firefighting experience

**Qualifying coursework is defined as courses such as: forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science.*

***For the GG-5, only courses after the first 60 semester hours are creditable (Junior and Senior Level)*

◇ **Qualification Standards effective October 1, 2010** – Implementation of the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Qualification Standards for temporary positions becomes effective October 1, 2010. National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) qualifications will be required at the GG-5 and above. Refer to the following table showing the NWCG qualification selective placement factors. **NOTE:** These requirements are in addition to the basic/minimum qualification requirements that are stated in the vacancy announcement.

Effective October 1, 2010	
Grade	NWCG Selective Placement Factor Requirements
GG-2	None
GG-3	None
GG-4	One season (90 days) of prior on-the-line wildland firefighting experience
GG-5	FFT1 AND S-290 course.
GG-6 and above	NWCG qualification requirements vary by position. Check with your local Fire Office for more detailed information

◇ **How will this affect you?** Beginning October 1, 2010, if you do not obtain the qualifications as shown in the table above, or as instructed by your local office, you may not be eligible to return in the next fire season at that grade level. You may be eligible to return at a lower grade, or in another position, until you obtain the required NWCG qualifications.